

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/881,788
Attorney Docket No. 351913-910800 (2102397)

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests the Office to enter the amendments set forth above and consider the following remarks. Claims 1-4 and 6-29 were rejected in the Office Action. By this amendment, Applicants amend claims 1-2, 7, 10-12, 16, 18, 22-23, 25-26 and 28-29, cancel claims 6 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 30 and 31. No new matter has been added. After entry of this paper, claims 1-4, 7-16, and 18-31 will be pending in this application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-4 and 6-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Nobakht et al (U.S. Patent No. 7,111,051 B1). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Without acquiescing to the rejection and in the interest of expediting prosecution, Applicants have amended the claims to even further clarify the recited invention over the cited art. The rejected claims recite memory card wallets and methods comprising content addressable memory and related features directed to securely implementing user information and/or user passwords corresponding to websites or card readers. See, e.g., Pending Application, Abstract, Figs. 1-3b, and paragraphs 0001, 0009-0010, 0021, 0031, 0038 and 0044. Specifically, in regard to such features, each of the independent claims has been amended to recite, *inter alia*: (i) content addressable memory, that (ii) stores user information and/or user passwords, (iii) a controller, and (iv) processing components within the controller configured to read, program and erase the content addressable memory.

In contrast, Nobakht teaches a smart card issued to a specified person for purposes of authorizing access to URLs and information appropriate for that person's status when he or she inserts the card into a workstation card reader. Specifically, Nobakht discloses reading the user information from a smart card and providing target URLs and information without any features that might prevent an unauthorized person from gaining access by inserting a stolen card. See, e.g., column 2, lines 13-27. Thus,

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for example, Nobahkt is suited for systems and methods wherein external websites serve as controllers, and "provid[e] target information ... without having to advertise the URL associated with the target information," or "collect personal information from the authorized users (e.g., age, gender, income level, and hobbies) ... and provide smart cards to a selected subset of authorized users [to, for example] provide information on automobiles only to those authorized users old enough to drive" (column 2, lines 28-32 and 36-41). Accordingly, Nobahkt fails to teach or suggest the content addressable memories as well as the controllers and other associated features now recited in independent claims 1, 10, 22, 28 and 29.

Accordingly, because the independent claims under rejection recite the distinguishing limitations set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 10, 22, 28 and 19 are patentable over Nobahkt. With respect to the remaining claims under rejection (claims 2-4, 7-9, 11-16, 18-21 and 23-27¹), these claims directly or indirectly depend upon independent claims 1, 10, 19, 28 and 29, and are thus allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-4, are not anticipated by Nobahkt, and that the rejections under §102(e) should be withdrawn.

New Claims

Applicants present new dependent claims 30 and 31 that have recitations consistent either with existing dependent claims or with subject matter already before the Office, and are dependent on allowable claims 28 and 29 (see above), respectively. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these new claims present no new matter, and are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

Specification

Paragraph 0028 of the specification has also been amended to reflect the issued patent number for the application referenced therein.

¹ Claims 6 and 17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Conclusory Remarks

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance and favorable action by the Examiner is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney at the number below in order to speed the prosecution of this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 07-1896 referencing Attorney Docket No. **351913-910800**.

Respectfully submitted,

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